

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (Previously presented): A video camera having an approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

a display part of an approximately rectangular shape disposed on a side face of the video camera body and having a display plane to display a picked-up image; and

a moving member for enabling said display part to move between a first position in which said display part makes the picked-up image viewable and a second position in which said display part is stowed in the video camera body,

wherein, when said display part is in the second position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately parallel with said display plane and a major-side direction of said display plane coincides with a major-side direction of the video camera body, and when said display part is in the first position, a minor-side direction of said display plane coincides with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 1, wherein, when said display part is in the first position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately perpendicular to the display plane of said display part.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A video camera according to claim 1, wherein, when said display part is in the first position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately parallel perpendicular with the display plane of said display part.

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Claim 4 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 1, wherein a length of said display part in the direction parallel with a minor-side direction of said display plane is approximately equal to a length in a minor-side direction of the video camera body.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a sound output device which outputs a sound in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound output device is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a sound-volume adjusting device which adjusts volume of a sound outputted in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound-volume adjusting device is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

an operation device operable for displaying a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said operation device is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said video

camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

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Claim 8 (Original): A video camera according to claim 1, wherein said moving member is connected to a minor side of said display part at a position which deviates from a center line of the minor side of said display part.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): A video camera having approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

a display part of an approximately rectangular shape disposed on a side face of the video camera body to display a picked-up image, the side face of the video camera body is approximately parallel with an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body;

a first member for enabling said display part to rotate around a first shaft approximately parallel with an incident optical axis from a state where a major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with a major-side direction of the video camera body; and

a second member for enabling said display part to rotate around a second shaft perpendicular to the incident optical axis in such a state that said display part has rotated approximately 90 degrees from the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 9, wherein said second member includes:

a rotating member disposed at a central portion of a side face along a minor side of said display part; and

a sliding member fixed to the video camera body and arranged to slide along a guide member of the side face of said display part.

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Claim 11 (Original): A video camera according to claim 10, wherein said display part is made rotatable when said rotating member and said sliding member fittingly engage with each other.

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Claim 12 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 9, further comprising:

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a detection device which detects the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction the video camera body; and  
a control circuit which causes said display part to display an image with a minor-side direction of said display part put on a horizontal plane, when the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction the video camera body is detected by said detection device.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): A video camera having an approximately rectangular parallelepiped shaped extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

display means having a display image plane of an approximately rectangular shape and disposed such that a major-side direction of the display image plane coincides with a major-side direction of the video camera body; and

display control means having a first mode of causing said display means to display an image with the major-side direction of the display image plane of said display means put on a horizontal plane and a second mode of causing said display means to display an image with a minor-side direction of the display image plane of said display means put on a horizontal plane.

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Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 13, wherein said display control means causes said display means to display an image in the first mode when the image is based on image data stored in storage means, and causes said display means to display an image in the second mode when the image is based on an image signal outputted from an image sensor.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 13, further comprising: designation means for designating an image area to be displayed on the display image plane of said display means in the second mode.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 15, wherein said display control means causes said display means to display an image in such an enlarged state that a length in a vertical direction of the image becomes approximately equal to a length in the major-side direction of the display image plane of said display means.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 13, wherein said display control means causes, in the second mode, said display means to display an image in such a state that a length in a horizontal direction of the image is approximately equal to a length in the minor-side direction of the display image plane of said display means, and causes said display means to display operation items operable for an image pickup operation in a vacant area of the display image plane.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 17, further comprising: a touch panel disposed on the display image plane of said display means for detecting an instruction given to an operation item displayed on the display image plane of said display means in the second mode.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 13, wherein said display control means causes, in the first mode, said display means to display, in a vacant area on the

display image plane, operation items operable for an image reproducing and displaying operation.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A video camera according to claim 19, further comprising:

a touch panel disposed on the display image plane of said display means for detecting an instruction given to an operation item displayed on the display image plane of said display means in the second mode.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A video camera comprising:

a display part disposed on a side face of the video camera body and having a display plane to display a picked-up image; and

a moving member for enabling said display part to move between a first position in which said display part makes the picked-up image viewable and a second position in which [a side face of the display part on which the display plane is located comes to abut on the video camera body and] said display part is stowed in the video camera body,

wherein, said moving member comprises a first member for enabling said display part to rotate around a first shaft from a state where said display part is first position, and a second member for enabling said display part to rotate around a second shaft different from said first shaft in such a state that said display part has rotated from the state where said display part is first position,

when said display part is in the second position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately parallel with said display plane and a minor-side direction of said display plane, and when said display part is in the first position, said image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately perpendicular with said display plane.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): A video camera according to claim 21, wherein said first shaft is approximately parallel with an incident optical axis and said second shaft is

approximately perpendicular to the incident optical axis.

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Claim 23. (New): A video camera according to claim 21, further comprising:

a sound output device which outputs a sound in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound output device is disposed at a portion of the side face of said video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

Claim 24. (New): A video camera according to claim 21, further comprising:

a sound-volume adjusting device which adjusts volume of a sound outputted in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound-volume adjusting device is disposed at a portion of the side face of said video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

Claim 25. (New): A video camera according to claim 21, further comprising:

an operation device operable for displaying a reproduced image at said display part,  
wherein said operation device is disposed at a portion of the side face of said video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.